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Bus passengers brace for traffic bottlenecks as white-topping work is on at Kempegowda Bus Station

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TICKET TO RIDE

EVs popular among delivery agents due to lower operating costs

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Low-speed electric vehicles with a motor power equivalent to 30 cc or below (250 watts or less) are becoming increasingly popular in the ciy, especially among the city's youth and delivery executives. These affordable and efficient scooters are widely used for short city commutes, including food delivery. However, despite the rise in two-wheeler accidents reported by state police, traffic authorities have ceased booking helmetless riders using these low-speed EVs.

Experts and concerned citizens are calling for stricter enforcement, highlighting that the absence of mandatory safety regulations, like helmet requirements, could still make these vehicles prone to accidents. Many argue that the decision to stop penalising helmetless riding for these EVs should be reconsidered, given the rising safety risks.

Growing popularity

Bengaluru leads Karnataka in electric vehicle (EV) sales, accounting for 57% of the state's total with 20,059 units sold. Two-wheelers dominate the market, making up 90% of EV sales (18,090 units), including electric motorcycles, scooters, and bikes.

These vehicles are especially popular among the city's youth and delivery workers. Their affordability and fewer legal requirements make them ideal for students and part-time workers, while delivery executives, particularly in food delivery, benefit from lower operating costs amid rising fuel prices.

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> **"According to legal and IMV regulations, vehicles under 30 cc do not require a helmet. However, when it comes to speed, we always stress the importance of wearing a helmet for safety reasons**
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> — Kuldeep Kumar Jain, DCP Traffic East

Eye on the road

Techies develop pothole reporting app that will help citizens report location, severity of issue and also offer repair timelines

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With potholes continuing to cause disruptions across Bengaluru, a group of tech professionals has developed a solution to address this issue. Frustrated by the persistence of potholes, the group has launched VisiPol, an innovative AI-powered app designed to help citizens report and manage potholes effectively.

Bharathi Athinarayhan, who works as an AI product lead, told BM that the app was developed to combat the dangers associated with potholes. Potholes not only create challenges for daily travel but also contribute to the spread of diseases such as dengue fever and malaria. VisiPol aims to improve road safety by providing an efficient way to detect and monitor potholes. Using artificial intelligence, VisiPol allows users to upload images of roads, which the app analyses to identify potholes and categorise them by severity—ranging from Major to Critical and Minor. The app also tracks the location of each pothole, providing an accurate map for city officials to prioritize repairs. This feature makes it easier for authorities to allocate resources effectively, ensuring that the most dangerous potholes are dealt with first," Athinarayhan said.

Prashanth Parthasarathy said that in comparison to existing solutions like

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Tranquility and peace

Pyramid Valley International will organise "A Quantum Leap: Raise Your Consciousness Quotient," a transformative four-day retreat at the serene Pyramid Valley International campus, an iconic location known for its tranquil environment and powerful energy vortex. Led by Shreans Daga, Spiritual Teacher and Transformation Coach, this event is an advanced retreat designed to delve deep into the mysteries of consciousness and personal transformation. This immersive experience bridges ancient wisdom with modern insights, offering participants profound tools to explore the science of consciousness, transcend the ego, and connect with the soul's journey. **Where: Pyramid Valley International campus; When: November 28– December 1**

02 Sky lantern festival

For the first time in Bengaluru, Day Dreamers presents Sky Lantern Festival—DJ Music Concert at Utsavaa Resort, Electronic City. With top DJs and four hours of non-stop music in an open-air lawn with lit-up sky lanterns, the concert has everything from massive stage setups to special effects to wide food and bar counters and even photo booths and goodies counters.
Where: Utsavaa Resort, Electronic City; When: December 7, 6pm onwards

03 Clown show

Join Flubber, the renowned award-winning clown and creator of India's International Clown Festival, on another exhilarating adventure. Alongside a vibrant cast of international clown companions, Flubber promises to captivate you with their uproarious antics. Watch in awe as they engage in a series of side-splitting and astonishing performances, from playful antics to rib-tickling physical comedy. Brace yourself for a spectacle of breathtaking juggling, acrobatics, unicycling, comedy, music, dance, and plenty of laughter that will leave you spellbound.
Where: Dr BR Ambedkar Bhavan; November 29–December 1;

Tipsy drivers throwing safety under the bus, parents claim

As per Bengaluru Traffic Police data, 118 drink and drive cases booked against school bus drivers from January 23 to November 8

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Going by the number of drink and drive cases booked against school bus drivers, it seems some private school managements are not following the norms while recruiting drivers and helpers. This is despite there being clear orders from the Bengaluru Commissioner of Police and the Department of School Education and Literacy making it mandatory for school bus drivers and helpers to produce a character certificate from police stations in their jurisdiction.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Intelligence) Sahil Bagla, in a reminder dated November 20, 2024, advised police officials to take measures as per the norms to implement safety guidelines for schools issued by the then Commissioner of Police, MN Reddi. Karnataka Private School College Parent Associations Coordination Committee, in a letter, has complained that many private schools are not following the safety guidelines for schools. "Take necessary action as per the norms," read the letter.

The committee, in a letter dated November 15, 2024, has complained to the Commissioner of Police that many private schools have failed to follow safety guidelines that were issued a decade ago.

As per the data provided by Bengaluru Traffic Police, 118 drink and drive cases were booked against school bus drivers between January 23, 2024, and November 8, 2024. The traffic police conducted school bus special drives in January, February, July, August, September, and November. The traffic police checked 20,255 school buses and registered 118 drink and drive cases against school bus drivers.

"I attended a seminar on child safety on November 9. I found that not many schools are following the safety guidelines. I have also verified the same with the police who attended the seminar. Private school managements have to follow the guidelines while recruiting staff, including bus drivers," said BN Yogananda, president, Karnataka Private School College Parent Associations Coordination Committee.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, PE Chidananda, executive committee member of Karnataka Private School College Parent Associations Coordination Committee, said that he sought information from 10 police stations on the documents submitted by school managements on the staff recruited by them. "I received replies from Amruthahalli, Yelahanka, Kodigehalli, and Chikkajala Police Stations stating that no such documents are available with them," said Chidananda.

Nagasimha G Rao of the Child Rights Trust said that many school managements are of the opinion that safety guidelines are meant for government schools. "The police and school management should get feedback on the behaviour of school bus drivers and helpers," said Rao. K Naganna Gowda, chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said that it is mandatory for teaching and non-teaching staff of schools to obtain an antecedent and address verification from a jurisdictional police station.

A special drive was conducted in January to check for drunk driving among school bus drivers

> **"The school management has to upload data on a special app about the staff members they recruit** – K Naganna Gowda, chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights

Unique study sheds light on Stenaelurillus spiders

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A new study by members of the Karnataka Spider Club has provided valuable insights into the genus Stenaelurillus, a group of medium-sized jumping spiders found across the Indian subcontinent. The study, carried out by researchers David E Hill, Amith Kiran Menezes, Abhijith APC, Vipin Baliga, and Jithesh Pai, focuses on the spiders' prey patterns, mating displays, and behaviour. According to the researchers, Stenaelurillus spiders are ground-dwelling creatures that belong to a large genus spanning tropical regions of Africa, Europe, and Asia. These spiders are known for their unique characteristics, such as highly ornamented males and unusually long third legs, which aid in their jumping abilities.

"Like the unrelated genera Habronattus of North America and Maratus of Australia, male Stenaelurillus can be highly ornamented. The longer legs III may contribute to the vertical component of their jumps, something useful to a ground-dwelling spider," the study noted.

Increase in discovered species

The genus Stenaelurillus was first described in 1886 by Simon, with only three species known from the Indian subcontinent until 2000. However, growing interest in these spiders has led to the discovery of 24 species in the region, with 14 of them described in just the past six years. Globally, 59 species of this genus have been identified.

Prey patterns: Taste for termites

The study highlights their unusual preference for termites, with Stenaelurillus spiders being known to prey on a variety of insects. "Records posted on iNaturalist suggest that at least some, if not most, members of this genus specialise on termites," the study explained. Abhijith APC, one of the authors, noted, "Our new records of predation on termites by several Stenaelurillus on the Indian subcontinent support the idea that termites comprise an important part of the diet of many species in this genus. In the absence of more detailed field studies, we cannot say that they are termite specialists, but even the inclusion of termites in their diet is quite unusual, not only for a salticid, but for a spider of any kind."

African species such as S termitophagus are known to aggregate on termite mounds during mating seasons, where they engage in both feeding and courtship behaviours. Researchers believe similar patterns may be observed among Indian Stenaelurillus spiders, though further research is needed.

Unique mating displays

Male spiders perform intricate displays during courtship, extending their forelegs and approaching females in unique ways. "Male Stenaelurillus lesserti is unusual in this respect as the male approaches the female from the side and rear to mate," the researchers said. "This study is a significant step toward understanding the behaviours and ecological roles of Stenaelurillus spiders.

Harassment, bribe, and a suicide: Khaki mired in controversy

Recent allegations of harassment and corruption have culminated in tragedy; as probes are on, city police facing the heat

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Recent incidents of corruption and misconduct have cast a shadow on the record of the Bengaluru City police. In a recent incident, the CID probing a multi-crore scam tied to the alleged misuse of government funds from last two years, was mired in controversy after a 35-year-old advocate and businesswoman died by suicide after alleged harassment and corruption and the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) was charged under the Prevention of Corruption Act and for abetment to suicide.

The deceased, identified as Jeeva S, was allegedly harassed by CID officials and the Banashankari police have registered an FIR against DySP Kanakalakshmi in the case.

The complaint was lodged by Sangeetha S, Jeeva's sister, who accused the officer of violating a court directive. According to the complaint, despite a High Court order to conduct the investigation through video conferencing, Kanakalakshmi insisted that Jeeva appear in person on November 14. During this encounter, the officer allegedly forced Jeeva to partially disrobe, claiming it was to check if she was carrying 'cyanide'.

Sangeetha's complaint further detailed how Jeeva faced ongoing mental harassment at the hands of the officer, who refused to accept crucial documents Jeeva had brought for the investigation. Instead, the officer allegedly demanded a bribe of ₹25 lakh. Additionally, the officer is accused of publicly humiliating Jeeva by visiting her shop and subjecting her to verbal abuse, an incident that Sangeetha claims pushed Jeeva to take her own life.

This investigation centred on claims that funds intended for beneficiaries under a loan scheme were misappropriated. It is alleged that the names of 500 homemakers were manipulated, their signatures collected on RTGS forms, and ₹5 lakh was transferred to each of their accounts. However, the actual recipients reportedly received only ₹25,000 each. The state government launched a formal inquiry into the scam in 2023, which has now become embroiled in controversy after the suicide.

Past incidents

Earlier this month, a city-based RTI activist lodged a complaint with the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) against Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials, accusing them of soliciting bribes and sexual favours from women detained during a raid at a rave party near Bengaluru in May.

File photo of candidates going through security check before entering the exam hall for the Police sub inspectors' post.in Bengaluru

In a separate case, a Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) was caught accepting a bribe of ₹25,000. The officer, identified as Gangadhar from Whitefield Police Station, allegedly demanded ₹50,000 from a Varthur resident to speed up the arrest of individuals involved in a criminal intimidation case that the resident had filed against his estranged wife and others on October 19.

Incidents of harassments

On Saturday, allegations were raised against Banaswadi ACP Umashankar for obstructing a legally sanctioned demolition operation in HBR Layout.

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), under the supervision of AEE Vasudeva Murthy, was executing a demolition order on a house illegally constructed by Prabhakar Reddy on BDA land. Upon reaching the site, ACP Umashankar allegedly intervened, demanding that BDA officials present their documents at the police station, citing a complaint.

Tensions escalated when the ACP allegedly confronted the earth-mover's driver hired for the demolition, instructing him to surrender the keys and subsequently leading him and the vehicle to the station. The ACP is also accused of verbally abusing the BDA staff and halting the demolition process.

Code of conduct

B Dayananda, Commissioner of Police told BM that strict and swift action is taken in such cases with punishments determined based on the severity of the violations or misconduct.

"We must also follow the necessary norms and formalities before proceeding, which includes giving the accused officer a fair opportunity. It's important to consider the circumstances of each incident rather than acting solely on allegations or complaints.

We examine all aspects before taking action, and this is something we have consistently done," he said, stating that while there might be various reasons for such incidents to occur, the police officers must always uphold the rule of law, adhere to the code of conduct, and follow the department's standard operating procedures.

BM Finance Fundas

Free update of Aadhaar ends soon; here's what you need to do

Have you moved to a new city? or changed your address recently? Do not forget to update your new address in your Aadhaar. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been encouraging citizens to review their Aadhaar card information, particularly those who received their Aadhaar cards more than ten years ago and haven't made any updates to it. Nevertheless, it is not obligatory to make these updates. The UIDAI also extended the deadline to update your Aadhaar details for free of cost to December 14, 2024.

As per the Aadhaar Enrolment and Update Regulations, 2016, "An Aadhaar number holder may, on completion of every period of 10 years from the date of generation of the Aadhaar number assigned to him, update the documents or the information evidencing proof of identity and proof of address, at least once, by submitting an application."

UIDAI posted on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), "UIDAI extends free online document upload facility till 14th December 2024; to benet millions of Aadhaar Number Holders. This free service is available only on myAadhaar portal. UIDAI has been encouraging people to keep documents updated in their Aadhaar." — UIDAI (@UIDAI)

Aadhaar is a unique number, and no resident can have a duplicate number

since it is linked to their biometrics, which help identify fake and ghost identities.

"Residents who had got their Aadhaar issued 10 years ago, and have never updated after that in these years, such Aadhaar number holders are encouraged to get their documents updated. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) earlier issued a press release underlining that it is urging and encouraging residents to keep their documents updated.

The recently-issued gazette notification also clearly states that residents "may" do so on completion of every 10 years. Keeping the documents in Aadhaar updated helps in ease of living, better service delivery, and enables accurate authentication. UIDAI has always encouraged residents to keep their documents updated, and the gazette notification is another step in that direction," stated a PIB release from November 10, 2022.

What are the charges for submitting the documents for Aadhaar updation?

For submission of documents at an Aadhaar centre, the applicable charge is Rs. 50 if any update is done after the deadline for free updation is over.

How to update Aadhaar

Step 1: Go to the myAadhaar portal.

Step 2: Click on the 'Login' button. Enter your Aadhaar number, captcha code and click the 'Send OTP' button. Enter the

OTP and click on the 'Login' button.

Step 3: Click on the 'Document Update' button.

Step 4: Read the guidelines and Click the 'Next' button

Step 5: Check the 'I verify that the above details are correct' box and then click 'Next'.

Step 6: Upload the 'Proof of Identity' and 'Proof of Address' documents and click 'Submit'.

You will receive a 'Service Request Number (SRN)' in your email. You can track your document update status from the SRN.

— By Sneha Kulkarni, ET Online

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Traffic bottleneck looms as key road undergoes repairs

Commuters using BMTC buses to Kempegowda Bus Station should plan for delays due to ongoing white-topping work, expected to last over one month

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A caution for those relying on Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses to reach Kempegowda Bus Station.

Commuters should start their journeys earlier to avoid traffic jams on KG Road, Dharmambudhi Tank Road, and Dhanvantari Road due to the ongoing white-topping work near the BMTC Bus Station. Traffic congestion has been building up on KG Road up to Mysuru Bank Circle during peak hours.

With half of the road between Dhanvantari Road and Gubbi Thotadappa Road closed for white-topping, BMTC staff and traffic police are struggling to manage bus entries into the BMTC Bus Station from the Dhanvantari Road entrance.

Bangalore Mirror published a story titled, "Bumpy bus ride" on June 14 narrating how entry and exit points of Kempegowda Bus Station are dented, with BMTC drivers struggling to navigate and passengers finding it difficult to stay seated.

The traffic jams on KG Road Dharmambudhi Tank Road and Dhanvantari Road are expected to continue during peak hours for more than a month. However, BMTC drivers and conductors have welcomed the white-topping of the road between Dhanvantari Road and Gubbi Thotadappa Road, as it will provide a permanent solution to the potholes and craters on the road. "We have suffered all these years due to potholes and craters on this road. Now, we have to cope with traffic jams due to the ongoing work and be prepared for traffic jams. I have no reason to complain about traffic jams due to ongoing white topping work," said a BMTC bus driver on the condition of anonymity.

A portion fo the road is closed due to repairs at BMTC Bus Station (Right) Preparations are underway for white-topping of the road between Dharmambudhi Tank Road and Gubbi Thodappa Road

A BMTC bus conductor has opined that the authorities concerned have to engage more traffic police and home guards to regulate traffic movement around the BMTC Bus Station. "I appreciate the measures taken by traffic police and the BMTC authorities to facilitate entry of BMTC buses into the Bus Station," said the conductor.

Meanwhile, BMTC Managing Director R Ramachandran said that due to the heavy traffic and frequent road repairs at the Kempegowda Bus Station, maintaining smooth operations has been a persistent challenge. "Considering the large footfall of passengers and the need for a long-term solution, we have decided that white-topping the road is the best way forward. With the support of our honourable Transport Minister, the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) has taken up this white-topping project to ensure enhanced durability, safety, and convenience for all commuters. We thank the authorities and the public for their cooperation and look forward to completing this project successfully," the BMTC MD said.

> **"Considering the need for long-term solution, we have decided that white-topping road is best way forward**
> – R Ramachandran, BMTC

BBMP Chief Engineer Lokesh stated that the white-topping of the stretch between Dhanvantari Road and Gubbi Thotadappa Road adjacent to the BMTC Bus Station is expected to be completed in 45 days. "We are planning to successfully complete the ongoing white-topping work without any delay to avoid inconvenience to the BMTC commuters," the Chief Engineer said.

Kadlekai Parishe kicks off: Basavanagudi in full festive glow

The historic Kadlekai Parishe (Groundnut Fair) has transformed Basavanagudi and its surrounding areas into a vibrant hub of activity. Streets are glowing with decorative lights, setting the stage for one of Bengaluru's most cherished traditions. Though the main event is scheduled for Monday, the festivities have already begun, with the fair expected to continue until Wednesday.

A Shopper's delight

Stretching from Ramakrishna Ashrama Circle to Bugle Rock and Kamat Hotel Circle, an array of stalls has popped up, offering everything from decorative items to traditional snacks. Streets around the Dodda Ganapathi Temple are bustling with shops and street vendors, while the walls near Ramakrishna Ashrama are adorned with intricate Rajasthani decorations. The weekend witnessed large crowds, with families and college students flocking in.

Preserving tradition

To introduce the younger generation to this age-old festival, BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (and the Muzrai Department have organised cultural events and innovative programs alongside the fair.

Tax exemption for vendors

In a move that has brought cheer to groundnut vendors, authorities have waived the daily tax collection that was previously levied. Earlier, vendors had to pay Rs.500 to Rs,1,000 daily as tax to contractors. Following complaints, this practice has been discontinued.

Official launch today

The fair will be formally inaugurated on Monday, but the weekend has already drawn crowds of enthusiastic Bengaluru residents to Basavanagudi. Over 2,000 stalls have been set up, offering everything from raw groundnuts to roasted and boiled varieties, with prices ranging between Rs 80 and Rs 100 per kg. Alongside groundnuts, the stalls are selling kadlepuri, bendasu, and other traditional snacks.

Traffic diversions for smooth movement

To ensure smooth traffic flow, changes have been made to vehicle movement in the area. Traffic police have directed commuters to use alternative routes: Commuters travelling from Lalbagh West Gate, Chamarajpet, and Basavanagudi towards Hanumanthanagar are being redirected through Ramakrishna Ashram Circle, Hayavadana Rao Road, Gavipuram 3rd Cross, and Mount Joy Road. Similarly, vehicles approaching Hanumanthnagar from RV Teachers College Junction, Trinity Hospital Road, KR Road, Bugle Rock Road are instructed to use Tagore Circle, Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Ramakrishna Ashram Junction, Sitaramaiah Road, and Gavipuram 3rd Cross. Parking facilities have been arranged at multiple locations, including Ramakrishna Ashram Circle, Narayanaswamy Circle. — BMB

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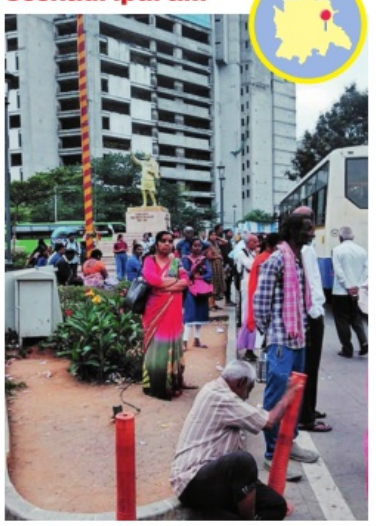
Pothole plague

BVK Iyengar Road

BVK Iyengar Road faces disrepair with potholes and waterlogging, disrupting traffic. Residents urge prompt repairs.

Missing shelter

Seshadripuram



Commuters near Mantri Mall, Seshadripuram, face trouble without a bus shelter.

Path blocked

Lingarajapuram

Vendor carts and parked bikes clog RS Palya Main Road, causing chaos. Residents seek strict action to clear encroachments.

Sewage blockages and flooding disrupt B'luru's ORR

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The unchecked discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage into roadside drains is causing significant problems across Bengaluru, including flooding, damaged roads, and rising health risks. Residents and civic activists are raising concerns about this violation of civic norms, which is harming public health and the city's infrastructure.

The Mahadevpura Task Force (MTF) revealed that areas like the Outer Ring Road (ORR) near Marathahalli are among the worst affected. During recent inspections, engineers from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) found that sewage, silt, and debris had clogged the roadside drains. This blockage has resulted in waterlogging on the main road and service lanes, severely disrupting traffic and businesses in the area.

It was pointed out that long concrete slabs, which are 8 to 10 metres in length, cover these drains, making them difficult to clean." To address the issue, the civic body has decided to dismantle these slabs to clear the drains. However, this process is time-consuming and labour-intensive, adding to the struggles of commuters and local businesses. The impact of untreated sewage on the community is significant. Stagnant water in the drains and overflowing onto the roads has led to a sharp increase in mosquito-borne diseases," said a member of MTF.

Overflowing sewage is also weakening roads, causing frequent potholes and damage that require costly repairs. For commuters, waterlogged roads mean longer travel times and a higher risk of accidents.

The problem extends beyond the roads. Polluted water from these drains often flows into the city's stormwater drains (Rajakaluves) and nearby lakes, contaminating water bodies and farmlands in Varthur, Hosur, and Krishnagiri.

BBMP officials have stressed the importance of stopping this illegal disposal of sewage. They have urged residents, commercial establishments, and apartment complexes to take immediate steps to prevent further damage. Solutions include installing soak pits or sewage treatment plants (STPs) and connecting to the BWSSB (Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board) underground drainage network wherever possible.

As repair work continues, BBMP plans to issue a traffic advisory for the ORR to minimise disruptions. Residents hope that these measures will bring some relief and a long-term solution to the city's growing sewage problems.

Civic body removes slabs to clear drains

Chinnaswamy Stadium turns 50: Legacy of firsts

Chinnaswamy Stadium marks five decades as cornerstone of Indian cricket, hosting historic matches across all formats and setting benchmarks in innovation

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The iconic M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru has completed 50 years, standing as a symbol of Karnataka's rich cricketing legacy. The foundation stone for the stadium was laid in 1969, with construction beginning in 1970. It hosted its first First-Class cricket matches in the 1972–73 season and achieved Test status in the 1974–75 season during the West Indies' tour of India. Since its inauguration in 1974, the stadium has played host to numerous historic matches and set benchmarks for innovation and sustainability in cricket infrastructure. It is among the few stadiums in India to have hosted all formats of the game, including Test matches, ODIs (One Day International), T20Is, IPL (Indian Premier League), and women's cricket, making it a cornerstone in the evolution of Indian cricket. Over the decades, the stadium has witnessed 25 Test matches, making it the fifth Indian venue to achieve this milestone, along with 31 ODIs and 10 T20 internationals. It has also been a stage for the Women's Premier League and other key women's cricket matches.

Sources said that the Chinnaswamy Stadium has been home to several iconic moments in cricket history. In 1979, it hosted India's 100th Test match, a landmark event where India faced Pakistan in a game that ended in a draw. In the IPL, it has earned a reputation for high-scoring thrillers, including Sunrisers Hyderabad's record-breaking team total of 287/3 in 2023. Chris Gayle's unforgettable 175* in 2013, the highest individual score in IPL history, also unfolded here. Beyond these, it is renowned for hosting cricket's only double Super Over T20 international, cementing its place in the annals of the sport.

Stadium's upgrades feature LED floodlights and advanced waste management systems

Chinnaswamy Stadium has seen key upgrades, including floodlights in 1996, sub-air system in 2017, and solar panels, pioneering sustainable cricket infrastructure

Established in 1969 as the Mysore State Cricket Association Stadium, the venue was later renamed the Karnataka State Cricket Association Stadium after the state's rechristening. In 1987, it was renamed in honour of Mangalam Chinnaswamy, a visionary administrator who played a pivotal role in developing cricket in Karnataka. Chinnaswamy, who served as secretary and president of KSCA and later as BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) President, was instrumental in securing land for the stadium and elevating the state's cricketing profile.

Over the years, Chinnaswamy Stadium has undergone significant transformations to stay ahead of the curve. In 1996, it installed floodlights ahead of the ODI World Cup, and subsequent upgrades included modern seating to replace cement benches. In 2017, it became the first stadium in the world to introduce a sub-air system, which enables matches to resume within 20 minutes of rain interruptions. Additionally, it was the first cricket stadium globally to install solar panels on its roof, highlighting its commitment to sustainability. Other modernisations include LED floodlights and advanced waste management systems, making it a pioneer in adopting cutting-edge technologies in cricket infrastructure.

The stadium's debut as a Test venue on November 22, 1974, was marked by a clash between India and the West Indies, featuring legends like Clive Lloyd, Sunil Gavaskar, EAS Prasanna, and debutants Vivian Richards and Gordon Greenidge. That match alone saw three centuries from the West Indies and set the tone for the venue's association with cricketing excellence. Today, the Chinnaswamy Stadium is not just a sporting venue but a cultural landmark that reflects Bengaluru's passion for cricket and Karnataka's significant contribution to the sport. As it celebrates 50 years of unforgettable memories, the stadium continues to inspire and excite cricket enthusiasts across the globe, according to officials.

HC orders NIMHANS to follow rules

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The High Court of Karnataka has stated that NIMHANS, being a state institution, must exemplify model employment practices, particularly regarding women employees' requests for maternity and child care leave (CCL).

The court questioned the institute's reluctance to grant 120 days of CCL to a nurse, considering that women constitute 70% of the approximately 700 nurses employed at NIMHANS. The court dismissed NIMHANS's petition against the decision.

Justices Krishna S Dixit and CM Joshi upheld the Central Administrative Tribunal's directive to grant 120 days of CCL to S Anitha Joseph, a 32-year-old nursing officer in the emergency department.

NIMHANS had contested the tribunal's ruling favouring their employee-nurse. The nurse had approached the tribunal after her CCL request was denied. She had received 180 days of maternity leave and subsequently applied for CCL, citing the absence of childcare support as her family resided in Kerala.

NIMHANS argued that their guidelines limited CCL to 45 days annually and cited staff shortages in the ICU. They claimed she was informed during her maternity leave that extensions would not be granted due to staffing constraints. The tribunal and court noted that Rule 43-C of Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules contains no 45-day restriction on CCL, making NIMHANS's guidelines inconsistent with these rules. The court acknowledged employers' authority to deny leave requests but emphasised that circumstances must be considered, particularly regarding CCL's importance.

The court highlighted a child's fundamental right to breastfeeding and referenced the Juvenile Justice Act, stating that NIMHANS must recognise that mothers are best positioned to determine their growing babies' needs.

No clarification on Belagavi land grab yet

State was asked to clarify after site inspection showed encroachment of forest land

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Mysuru taluk administration and MCC clearing encroachments at reserved land (File photo)

As per a recent report by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), the Karnataka government has failed to provide clarification on the encroachment of land in Belagavi allotted for Compensatory Afforestation (CA). The central ministry had sought clarification on encroachment in June this year.

Clarification from the state was sought after a site inspection report by the Ministry showed that a portion of land offered by the Karnataka Forest Department for compensatory afforestation for a drinking water supply project in the state is under encroachment.

The department had diverted 575.0749 hectares of forest land in Gokak, Godachinamalki, Konnur, and Mavanura villages in Gokak and Hukkeri Taluks, Belagavi, for the construction of a dam across the Markandeya River and ancillary infrastructure. However, a site inspection report by the regional officer, MoEF&CC, showed that nearly 100 hectares of land proposed for CA by the state government concerning this project are under encroachment.

The encroachment of CA land was highlighted in a news report published in Bangalore Mirror, following which the National Green Tribunal (NGT) sent notices to the central ministry and KFD.

Now, in its recent report submitted to NGT in response to the notice, MoEF&CC has clarified that it received a proposal from Karnataka in February 2023, seeking prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Ministry also received additional information about the proposal, but with certain shortcomings. Thereafter, the Ministry, in February 2024, requested the State Government to provide the requisite information; the reply in this regard is still awaited.

Meantime, MoEF&CC's regional office submitted a site inspection report, and upon examination of the said report, it was observed that encroachments are there in the areas proposed for CA. As per the report, about 100 hectares were found under encroachment.

"(the Ministry), on June 10, 2024, asked the State Government to provide details (of the encroachment) and take action (on encroachment) and other issues raised by the Regional Office in the spot inspection report. The reply in this regard is awaited from the State Government," the Ministry has told the NGT in its recent report.

> **"Our forest is riddled with encroachment of all kinds. Due to dept's lapse, drinking water project is also on hold, leading to wastage of a lot of resources** –Local

In its letter written to the Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka on June 10, 2024, the central environment ministry stated that many encroachments were found that needed to be measured and delineated and excluded to make the CA land free from encumbrances. It also asked Karnataka to provide exact areas free from encumbrances.

Locals opine these incidents reflect failure of forest department officials.

"The encroachment issue was identified by MoEF&CC's regional office and not by Karnataka Forest Department, as expected. Karnataka's forest is riddled with encroachment of all kinds. This will only stop when accountability is fixed against erring officials. Due to the department's lapse, the drinking water project is also on hold, leading to wastage of a lot of resources," said a local.

Retired partners not liable for cheque bounce: K'taka HC

The Karnataka High Court has established that retired partners of a company cannot be subject to legal action without specific allegations of their continued involvement and liability. This ruling was delivered by Justice M Nagaprasanna whilst dismissing proceedings against former partners of RR Infocom in a case involving dishonoured cheques.

The dispute began when Inflow Technologies lodged a complaint regarding RR Infocom's purchase orders with payments scheduled between September and November 2020. The petitioners, Jai Agarwal and Anjana Agarwal, had withdrawn from RR Infocom on October 11, 2021. Subsequently, current partner Renu J Nair issued three cheques worth Rs 3.27 crore to Inflow Technologies between November 30 and December 5, 2022, which were dishonoured due to insufficient funds. When Inflow Technologies initiated legal action against four individuals, including the retired partners, the Agarwals challenged the proceedings, highlighting their departure from the partnership well before the cheques were issued. The complainant suggested that the matter of their retirement should be determined during the trial.

Justice Nagaprasanna noted that the petitioners had not signed the cheques and had retired more than a year before their issuance. The court stated, "As the petitioners had retired as partners one year before the issuance of the cheque, and there is no averment in the complaint about the involvement of these petitioners even after retirement. In the teeth of the aforesaid facts, permitting further proceedings against these petitioners would become an abuse of the process of law and result in miscarriage of justice."

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Congress party workers seen celebrating outside KPCC office in Bangalore after winning bypolls in Karnataka

Nehru and Bengaluru

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar gave credit where it's due, highlighting Nehru's role in shaping Bengaluru's destiny. Speaking at the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2024, he quipped, "If Nehru hadn't had the foresight to establish public sector industries in Bengaluru, this city might not have become the tech capital it is today." He continued, "If visionary educationists hadn't set up engineering colleges and tech institutes here, would Bengaluru be Bengaluru? If thousands of dreamers hadn't launched startups, would Bengaluru still be Bengaluru?"

'Donkey' route

In a bizarre twist, more than 300 people and a few donkeys in the streets have fallen victim to a fraudulent milk company based in Hyderabad. After paying a hefty sum of Rs 3 lakh, customers were promised donkeys to start a milk business. However, instead of the donkeys being delivered to their farms, they were left in a field near Gallemmagudi in the Hospet region. Out of the 70 donkeys, some were taken home by buyers, while the rest were left to fend for themselves. The company, which had promised to buy milk from these goats, shut down, leaving the animals in a heartbreaking state. Without proper care, many of the donkeys have died.

Troll doesn't matter

Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa found himself at the centre of controversy recently after a teleconference with officials took an unexpected turn. During the session, a student called out the minister, accusing him of not knowing Kannada. In response, Bangarappa insisted that action should be taken, but his comment sparked widespread debate. When questioned by journalists, the minister clarified, "As the Education Minister, I said action should be taken against the headmaster and BEO, but not against the student. It is their responsibility to ensure discipline in the more than 600 schools under their watch."

Road less taken

With just 60 houses and a population of 350, this remote village of Medini within Kumta taluk of Uttara Kannada district is grappling with the lack of a proper road, which is preventing locals from building relationships and marriages. More than 15 young men and women are of marriageable age but are still waiting for their "lucky wrist" to materialise, as the lack of a road to the village is causing delays. The 3 kilometres of the 8-kilometre stretch of road are in such bad condition that walking is the only option.

Run in 'controversy'

In a recent event, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Union Minister V Somanna had an interesting run-in. After exchanging pleasantries, the CM cheekily asked Somanna why he was leaving the programme—was it because the CM had arrived? Somanna, ever the stickler for time, replied that he had another engagement to attend. He swiftly added that he hadn't made any behind-the-back allegations against the CM. Somanna then suggested that Siddaramaiah could have avoided embarrassment if he had heeded his earlier advice. As the back-and-forth continued in full public view, their fellow guests wisely intervened, escorting the CM inside to cool things down.

'Selective' hacking

Several Congress leaders are pointing fingers at electronic voting machines (EVMs), claiming selective tampering as the reason for their loss. Ironically, when questioned about their alliance's victory in Jharkhand, the leaders suggested it was part of a strategic ploy to preserve faith in the machines. Home Minister G Parameshwara revealed his party's concerns about EVM manipulation, describing the situation as both puzzling and alarming. "In Maharashtra, the Congress and the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) have performed poorly—it's no secret. The information we received is shocking: EVMs seem to have been selectively hacked, not across all constituencies but strategically," he said.

–Sridhar Vivan

All colours of the rainbow

LGBTQ community members and supporters during the Namma Pride 2024, in Bengaluru, on Sunday

IPL mega auction

Pant beats Iyer to become most expensive star

LSG ropes in wicketkeeper-batter for Rs 27 crore

Star India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant became the most expensive player in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL), being bought by Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) for a massive Rs 27 crores during the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) mega auction at Jeddah on Sunday.

He beat compatriot Shreyas Iyer, who had just become the most expensive player in league's history, going to Punjab Kings (PBKS) for Rs 26.75 crores a few minutes back. He had beat Australia's Mitchell Starc, who marked his return to IPL after years with a record-breaking bid of Rs 24.75 crores.

Initially, there was a bidding war between LSG and Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), with the latter giving up. Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) entered the bidding war, trying to bolster their explosive batting attack and Delhi Capitals (DC) tried to use the 'Right To Match' card, but they could not match the value LSG put for Pant, breaking the bank for him and going beyond Iyer's value.

"THE RECORD IS BROKEN AGAIN! WOWZAAA Rishabh Pant goes to @LucknowIPL for INR 27 Crore! #TATAIPLAuction," posted official IPL X handle.

With this, LSG has finally received a proper top-order batter, wicketkeeper and captaincy option in Pant.

Rishab Pant and Shreyas Iyer; inset: KL Rahul

The swashbuckling wicketkeeper-batter is an all-format for India and a livewire on the field. Having proven himself as a man for big stages in Test cricket, Pant's T20 game is just as solid. Though he has scored 1,209 runs in 76 T20Is at an underwhelming average of 23.25, strike rate of almost 128 and just three fifties, his overall T20 numbers are way better, having made 5,022 runs in 202 matches at an average of 31.78, strike rate of over 145, with two centuries and 25 fifties.

Pant has represented Delhi Capitals (DC) for his entire IPL career since 2016, scoring 3,284 runs in 110 matches at an average of 35.31, with a century and 18 fifties. He was appointed as the team's captain in 2021 and led them to playoffs in the same season.

Other players

The Indian spin veteran Yuzvendra Chahal was roped in by Punjab Kings (PBKS) for Rs 18 crores in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) mega auction at Jeddah on Sunday.

For Chahal, there was first a huge bidding war between Gujarat Titans and Chennai Super Kings and then between Punjab Kings and Lucknow Super Giants (LSG). Eventually, he was roped in by PBKS for Rs 18 crores.

Also, pace veteran Mohammed Shami, previously associated with Gujarat Titans (GT) was bought for Rs 10 crores by Sunrisers Hyderabad, the 2016 IPL champions.

Also, South Africa's hard-hitting left-handed batter David Miller was bought by Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) for Rs 7.5 crores.

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj, was roped in by Gujarat Titans for Rs 12.25 crore.Siraj is a solid all-format pacer for India, having taken 165 wickets across 91 matches, with a lot of match-winning performances in overseas Tests. He is the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 winner with the team.

Also, India's versatile batter KL Rahul was bought by Delhi Capitals for Rs 14 crore. After bidding war between Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), Delhi Capitals (DC) entered the fray and got an opener, captain and wicketkeeper-batter option in Rahul. **-ANI**

JD(S) avoids Channapatna discussion

The JD(S) first family on Sunday avoided speaking about the hat-trick defeat of Nikhil Kumaraswamy in the Channapatna assembly bypoll.

Nikhil lost by a margin of 25,413 votes to the Congress candidate C P Yogeeshwara, for which the results were announced on Saturday.

Nikhil is the son of Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy and grandson of JD(S) patriarch and former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda.

"I will visit the party office and answer all your queries, but not now," Deve Gowda told reporters on the sidelines of Sri Ramanuja Vishwa Vijaya Mahotsava in Bengaluru.

Union Minister Kumaraswamy too opted not to speak about his son's defeat.

"There is no point in discussing the Channapatna election results. People have given their verdict and we have to accept it," the former Karnataka chief minister said.

Nikhil earlier lost the 2019 Lok Sabha election from Mandya as the JD(S) candidate against the BJP-backed independent candidate Sumalatha Ambareesh.

He also lost the 2023 assembly election from Ramanagara against the Congress candidate H A Iqbal Hussain. **-PTI**

BJP, JD(S) helped us win, claims DKS

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday hinted at cracks and squabbling within the BJP and the JD(S), as he gave credit to the leaders of these parties for the defeat of JD(S) candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy in the Channapatna assembly bypoll.

Congress candidate CP Yogeeshwara won in Channapatna bypoll with a margin of 25,413 votes against his nearest rival and NDA candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy, as results were announced on Saturday.

The Congress party swept all the three assembly constituencies in Karnataka, namely Channapatna, Sandur and Shiggaon, which went for bypolls.

Nikhil Kumaraswamy is the son of Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy and grandson of former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda. In September last year, JD(S) joined the NDA led by BJP.

"Many people from across the parties have helped us in this election (Channapatna). Congress had only 16,000 votes in the previous assembly election. It increased in the Lok Sabha election," Shivakumar told reporters here. According to him, many people from the JD(S) and the BJP supported the Congress. "If the BJP and the JD(S) leaders had not supported us directly or indirectly, we wouldn't have got so many votes. I congratulate them," Shivakumar, who is also the Congress state president, said.

He quipped that the JD(S), which had 19 seats in the Karnataka Assembly, has now reduced to 18. **-PTI**

Seems like a free ride

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Mandates & loopholes

Under current regulations, electric vehicles with power up to 250 watts and a top speed of less than 25 km/h are not required to be registered with the Regional Transport Office (RTO). This exemption extends to driving licenses as well, allowing teenagers aged 16 and above to operate these vehicles without formal documentation. Helmet use, while strongly recommended, is not strictly enforced for these low-speed EVs.

DCP Traffic East Kuldeep Kumar Jain stated, "Initially, the traffic police were booking motorists using electric vehicles below 30 cc, but we have since stopped. According to legal and IMV regulations, vehicles under 30 cc do not require a helmet. However, when it comes to speed, we always stress the importance of wearing a helmet for safety reasons."

He added that the enforcement aspect and legal clarity are still being worked out, and until a decision is reached, they have opted not to book cases against helmetless riding.

The lack of registration and licencing requirements has led to a rise in rule violations among this segment of riders. Helmetless riding is a common issue, contributing to an increased risk of accidents. Despite safety campaigns urging responsible behaviour, many users evade penalties as enforcement is challenging for vehicles that fall outside traditional regulatory frameworks.

Escaping violations

These low-speed EVs often escape scrutiny due to their unique classification. With no mandatory insurance, registration, or licencing, many riders bypass typical traffic checks and evade penalties that standard petrol scooters would attract. Currently, these low-speed EVs which fall under e-bikes are being booked for violations such as riding on footpaths, going against one-way traffic, and parking offenses including no-parking and wrong parking.

With the rise in fatal two-wheeler accidents, many experts suggest that helmetless driving cases should be reconsidered. They are advocating for a letter to be sent to Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), urging a review of current regulations, given the increasing popularity of electric vehicles (EVs) and the surge in two-wheeler accidents in the city.

"The issue is that ARAI does not classify low-speed EVs, which are below 30 cc, as motor vehicles," said Rajkumar Dugar, Founder of Citizens For Citizens (C4C). "There is a grey area which needs to be addressed legally. As a first step, licence must be made mandatory even for these vehicles. This is because any rider must know the traffic rules and be certified accordingly. However, breaking of rules by registered vehicles is rampant and most accidents, injuries and deaths are in this category," he said.

Make or brake mistake

In a tragic incident on Sunday evening in Manjunath Nagar, a 52-year-old man accidentally pressed the accelerator instead of the brake, causing his car to hit a 43-year-old man, who sustained a severe leg injury.

The accused identified as Mahaveer accelerated the car and crashed into the victim, identified as Manjunath. According to the police, both Mahaveer and Manjunath are neighbours and Manjunath was sitting outside his house when the car hit him.

The impact of the crash resulted in Manjunath requiring surgery for his leg, while Mahaveer sustained minor injuries. Both individuals are currently receiving treatment at Kaade Hospital.

The Vijayanagar traffic police have initiated an FIR in connection with the accident. Mahaveer's actions appear to have been an unfortunate error, as confirmed by the police. Further investigations are underway. **BMB**

US chipmaker AMD to step up investment

American chipmaking giant AMD is looking at India not merely as a market but as a development hub with the company's design centre in Bengaluru beginning to make an important contribution to its products.

AMD chief executive officer Lisa Su told media persons that AMD had made a commitment last year to invest $400 million in India over five years to promote R&D, but the target is likely to be reached much sooner at the current rate of investment and innovation.

She said, "India is such an important part of AMD, when we look across all of our global portfolio, every aspect of our product line goes through our design centre in the country."

She pointed out that India possesses the skill sets for both hardware as well as software and AMD has doubled its staff strength in the country over the last two years. **IANS**

An app to track potholes, fix our roads

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BBMP's pothole-reporting apps, VisiPol stands out by offering a more detailed approach.

"The app not only identifies the location of potholes but also predicts their severity and estimates repair timelines, which can help the local government better plan road maintenance efforts.

Users can easily upload images of potholes, and the app's AI model processes these images to assess the severity and pinpoint the exact location of each pothole on a map.

This mapping feature provides a visual overview of the potholes across the city, helping city officials and citizens alike to understand where the most pressing issues are located.

For city officials, VisiPol offers real-time data on pothole locations, severity, and estimated repair timelines,

which can significantly enhance their ability to allocate resources efficiently," he said.

Suneetha B, who is working as a full stack specialist explained further about the app. "The app also features a user-friendly interface that allows citizens to filter potholes by severity, helping to prioritise those that require immediate attention," Suneetha said.

VisiPol plans to integrate weather data in future updates to help predict road damage based on climatic conditions, such as rainfall and temperature, allowing for proactive maintenance before potholes can develop.

She said the team is also working on developing an AI-powered IoT device to monitor road conditions in real time and send alerts about potential road hazards.

Mohammed Fazil, another member of the group said the app was designed to continuously evolve, with ongoing improvements to the AI model to handle varying lighting conditions and other practical challenges. "This app also promotes greater citizen engagement by allowing users to directly report road issues," Fazil said.

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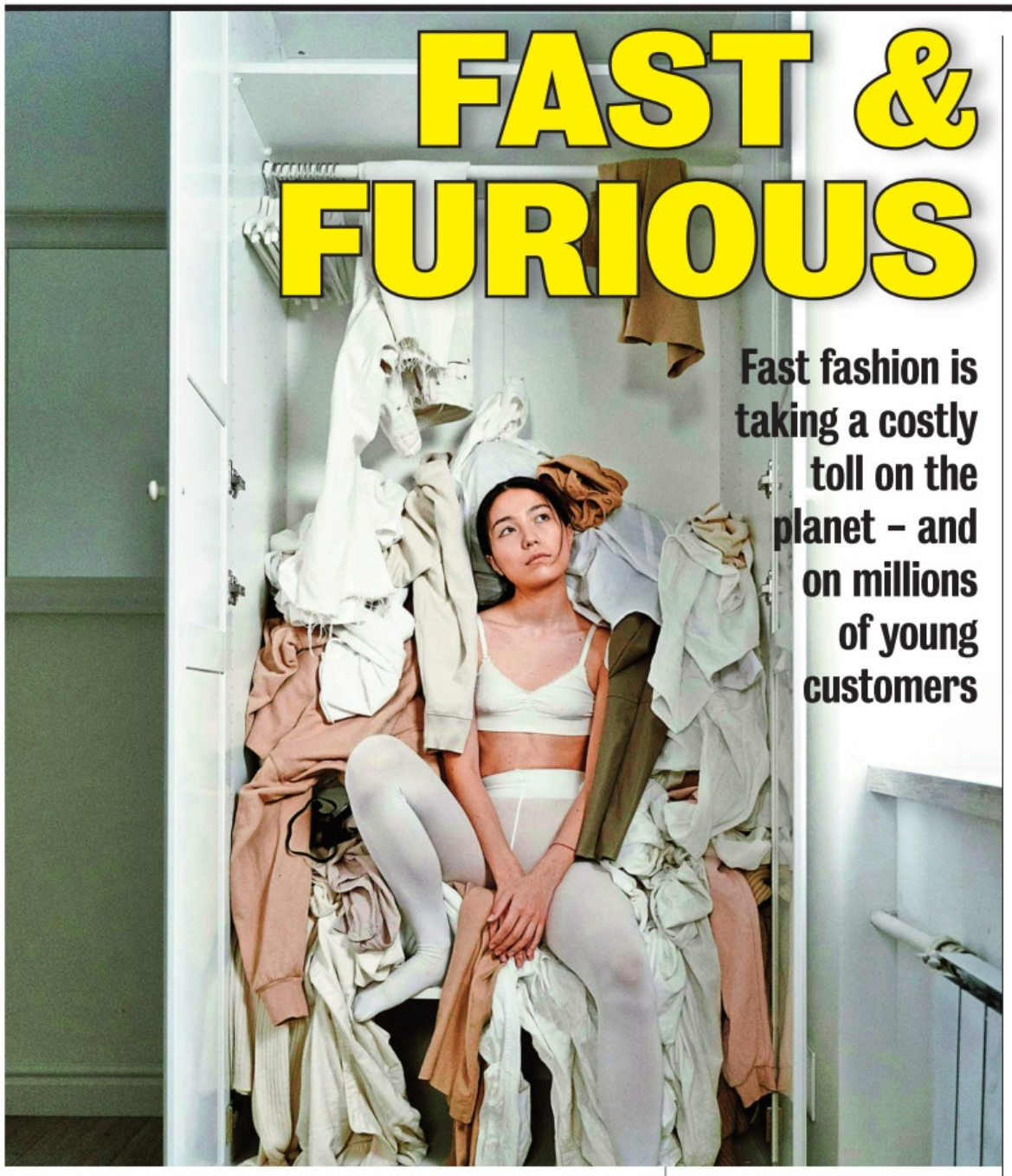


Fast fashion is taking a costly toll on the planet – and on millions of young customers

Fast fashion is everywhere – in just about every mall, in the feeds of influencers on social media promoting overconsumption, and in ads constantly popping up online.

Its focus on the continual production of new clothing is marked by speedy fashion cycles that give it its name. Fast fashion is intended to quickly copy high-end designs, but with low-quality materials, resulting in poorly made clothing intended to be worn once or twice before being thrown away.

One of fast fashion's leading companies, Zara, has a mission to put clothes in stores 15 days after the initial design. Another, Shein, adds up to 2,000 new items to its website daily.

While others in the fashion industry are working toward more sustainable clothing, fast fashion is focused on profit. The market's value was estimated at about US$100 billion in 2022 and growing quickly. It's a large part of the reason global clothing production doubled from 2000 to 2014.

The big winners in this game are the corporations. The industry has a reputation for exploiting workers and for excessive pollution and extraordinary waste. Consumers are pulled into an unhealthy, spiraling pressure to buy more as cheap clothes fall apart fast.

Fast fashion also has a growing impact on the global climate. It is responsible for an estimated 8% to 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions, and its emissions are projected to grow quickly as the industry expands.

I teach courses that explore fast fashion and sustainability. The industry's growth seems unstoppable – but a combination of legislation and willpower might just rein it in.

> **About 60% of fast-fashion items are made from synthetic textiles derived from plastics and chemicals that start their life as fossil fuels**

Understanding the harm

About 60% of fast-fashion items are made from synthetic textiles derived from plastics and chemicals that start their life as fossil fuels. When this synthetic clothing is laundered or thrown in landfills to decompose, it can release microplastics into the environment. Microplastics contain chemicals including phthalates and bisphenol A that can affect the health of humans and animals.

Natural fibers have their own impacts on the environment. Growing cotton requires large quantities of water, and pesticides can run off from farmlands into streams, rivers and bays. Water is also used in chemically treating and dyeing textiles. A 2005 United Nations-led report on cotton's water use estimated that, on average, a single cotton T-shirt requires about 700 gallons (2,650 liters) of water from crop to clothing rack, with about 300 gallons (1,135 liters) of that water used for irrigation.

The chemicals used to process textiles for clothing for the fashion industry also contaminate wastewater with heavy metals, such as cadmium and lead, and toxic dyes. And that wastewater ends up in waterways in many countries, affecting the environment and wildlife.

Fast fashion's high output also creates literally mountains of waste. More than 90 million tons of textile waste ends up in landfills globally each year, by one estimate, adding to greenhouse gases as it slowly decomposes. Only a small percentage of discarded clothing is recycled.

From fashionista to environmental guardian

In many cultures, people's self-perception is intimately connected to fashion choices, reflecting culture and alliances.

The allure of buying new items comes from many sources. Influencers on social media play into FOMO – the fear of missing out. Cheap items can also lead to impulse buys.

Research shows that shopping can also create a euphoric sense of happiness. However, fast fashion's speed and marketing can also train consumers into "psychological obsolescence," causing them to dislike purchases they previously enjoyed, so they quickly replace them with new purchases.

Famous personalities may be helping to push back on this trend. Social media explodes when a first lady or Kate Middleton, the Princess of Wales, wears an outfit more than once. The movement #30wearschallenge is starting with small steps, by urging consumers to plan to wear every piece of clothing they buy at least 30 times.

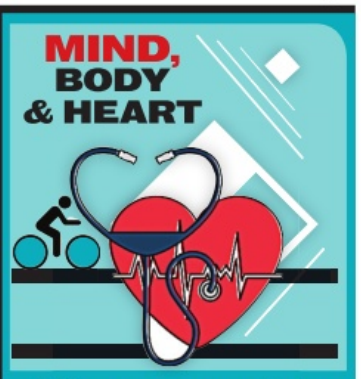
Upcycling – turning old clothing into new clothing items – and buying sustainable and high-quality clothes that can last for years is being promoted by the United Nations and other organizations, including alliances in the fashion industry.

Some influencers are also promoting more sustainable fashion brands. Research has shown that peer influence can be a powerful driver for making more sustainable choices. The largest market for fast fashion is Gen Z, ages 12 to 27, many of whom are also concerned about climate change and might reconsider their fast-fashion buys if they recognized the connections between fast fashion and environmental harm.

Some governments are also taking steps to reduce waste from fashion and other consumer products. The European Union is developing requirements for clothing to last longer and prohibiting companies from throwing out unsold textiles and footwear. France has pending legislation that, if passed, would ban publicity for fast-fashion companies and their products, require them to post the environmental impact of their products, and levy fines for violations.

Changes in consumer habits, new technologies and legislation can each help reduce demand for unsustainable fashion. The cost of cheap clothes worn a few times also adds up. Next time you buy clothing, think about the long-term value to you and the planet.

(Paula M Carbone, University of Southern California, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Ways of thinking

New parts of brain identified

A team of scientists has uncovered newer parts of the brain, that support social interactions, and are connected to and in constant communication with the ancient amygdala region -- a discovery which can help treat psychiatric conditions such as anxiety and depression.

How brain evolved

In a new study by Chicago-based Northwestern Medicine in the US and published in the journal Science Advances, scientists sought to better understand how humans evolved to become so skilled at thinking about what's happening in other peoples' minds.

"We spend a lot of time wondering, 'What is that person feeling, thinking? Did I say something to upset them?'" said senior author Rodrigo Braga.

The parts of the brain that allow us to do this are in regions of the human brain that have expanded recently in our evolution, and that implies that it's a recently developed process.

Amygdala

"In essence, you're putting yourself in someone else's mind and making inferences about what that person is thinking when you cannot really know," Braga added.

The study found the more recently evolved and advanced parts of the human brain that support social interactions — called the social cognitive network — are connected to and in constant communication with an ancient part of the brain called the amygdala. Often referred to as our "lizard brain", the amygdala is associated with detecting threats and processing fear.

"The amygdala is responsible for social behaviours like parenting, aggression and the navigation of social-dominance hierarchies," said Braga, adding that their study shows co-activation of the amygdala and social cognitive network is always happening. **—IANS**

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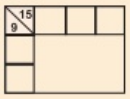
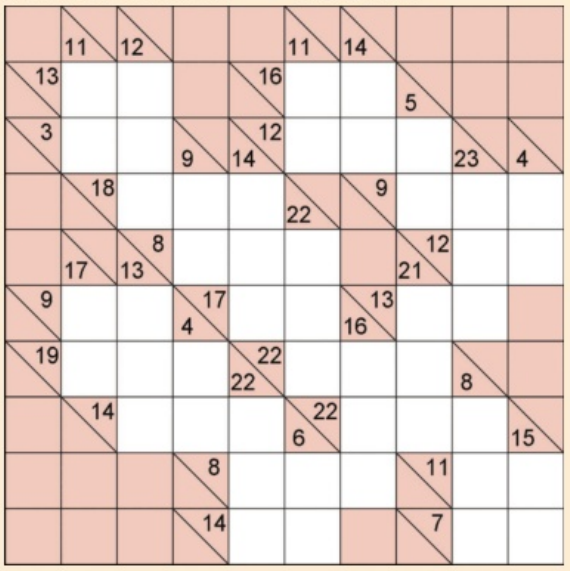
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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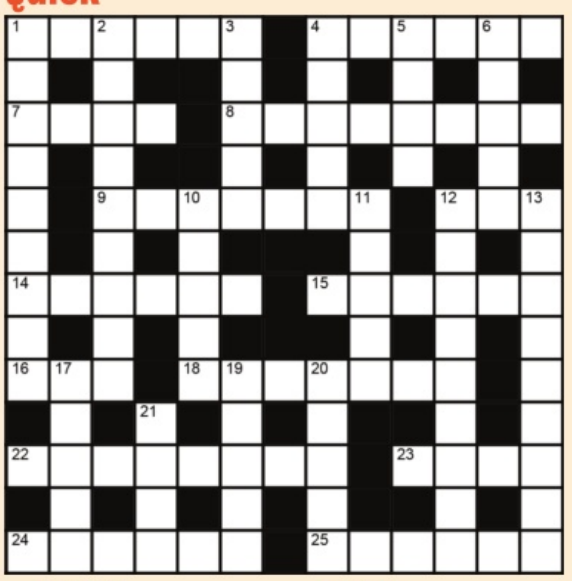


ACROSS

1 Scrounged or sponged? (6)
4 Evil spirits or ghosts (6)
7 Remainder (4)
8 Leaving out (8)
9 Moderately wealthy (4,3)
12 Two-year old sheep (3)
14 Peruse or go through again? (6)
15 Talking bird (6)
16 Marry (3)
18 This cathedral in Bangalore is over 200 years old (2,5)
22 Sharp fragment (8)
23 I have __ __ : departing words? (2,2)
24 Claim (6)
25 In disagreement or at variance? (2,4)

DOWN

1 A bottle opener, of a kind (9)
2 Terry Pratchett's fictional universe (9)
3 Oddly or strangely amusing? (5)
4 Sorrow (5)
5 Palindromic boy (4)
6 Thrust forward (5)
10 Is ahead in a race? (5)
11 Natural ability (5)
12 Doorway (9)
13 Communicate successfully (3,6)
17 Drive out (5)
19 Chapter heading (5)
20 Main artery (5)
21 Mah-jong piece (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS G

RWRXYQWG'M C WRXXQAFR WPDHJPW. Q TRCY, IPRXR'M QW CFF JDQYJ WD RYK?

Linemaro

You are the Apple of my iMac

Mindchow

Don't worry about hard times, because some of the most beautiful things we have in life come from changes or mistakes

Joke of the day

A young man hired by a supermarket reported for his first day of work. The manager gave him a broom and said, "Your first job will be to sweep out the store." "But I'm a college graduate," the young man replied indignantly. "Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know that," said the manager. "Here, give me the broom -- I'll show you how."

Loop

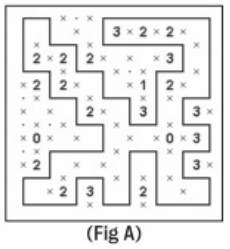
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

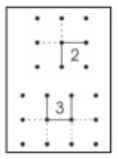
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

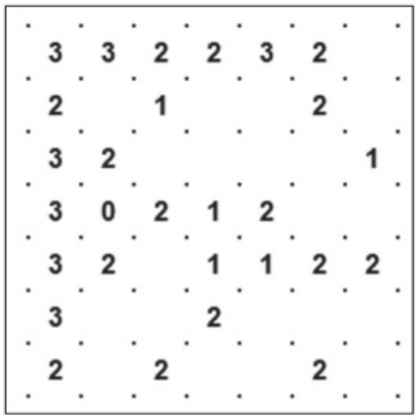
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



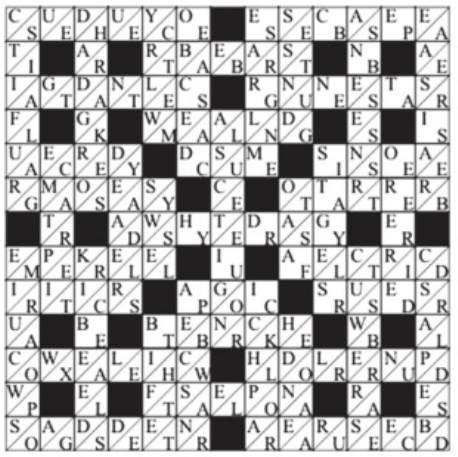
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



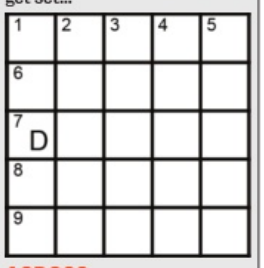
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

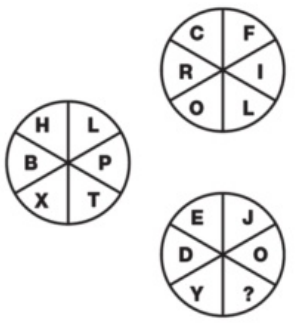
1 Nu USA; 6 An nan; 7 In STD; 8 Air us; 9 All my

DOWN

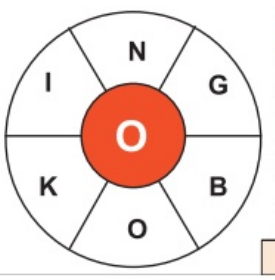
1 Am dun; 2 Arian; 3 Nu Lan; 4 Unlit; 5 Says S

Mensapuzzle

Which letter completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

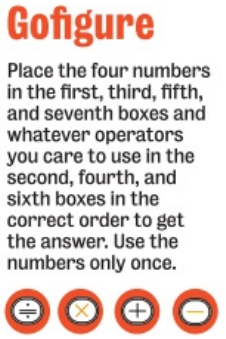
SudokuChallenge

	9		6		8		5	
			3	4	1			
		6		9		3		
7	2						1	5
		8				2		
4	5						3	8
		2		1		4		
			4	2	5			
	3		7		6		2	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 6

2 3 8 9

Medium = 23

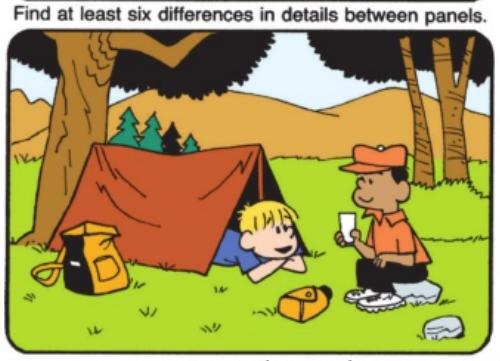
2 2 3 5

Hard = 22

3 4 4 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



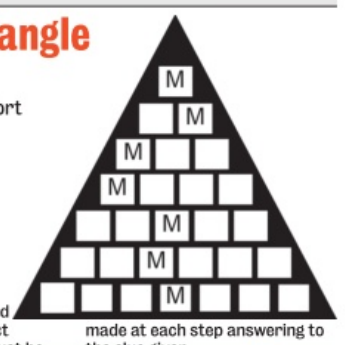
Differences: 1. Cup is larger. 2. Backpack flap is closed. 3. Tree is added. 4. Tree trunk is thinner. 5. Hill is added in distance. 6. Backpack strap is different.

Riddler

During a recent gymnastics gala, four girls competed in three events, the vault, the beam and the floor. Chloe came third on the floor. The girl who came second in the vault, won the beam event. The girl who came second on the beam won the floor. Jessica beat Alex in every event. The girl who won the vault came second on the floor. Caris came last in the vault. Can you determine who finished where in each event?

Alpha triangle

1 Molarity
2 In the morning
3 Carpeting, of a sort
4 Place of trade
5 Circus trainer
6 Meddle
7 Plodded

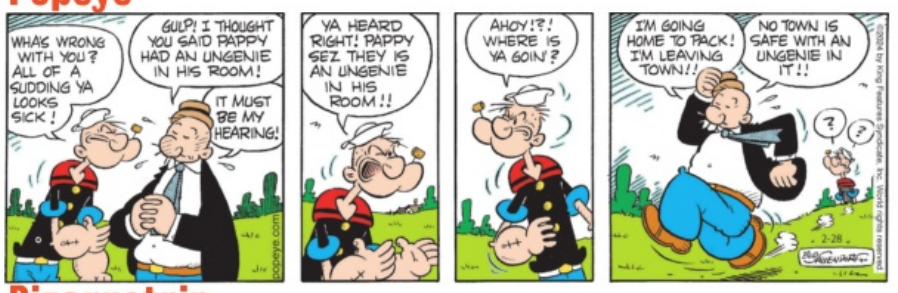


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may fall victim to negative thoughts. Impatience and arrogance could hinder your ability to make tough decisions. You might need the blessings of your elders to progress in your work. Avoid investing in unproductive assets. Lovebirds should refrain from discussing past negative experiences.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are likely to overcome your opponents and hidden enemies. Stuck money may be recovered, and you could perform your best at work. This is a significant day for lovebirds and singles to make important decisions regarding marriage.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is a positive day for you. The challenges from the past week are over. You may restart postponed projects and receive rewards for your hard work, boosting your confidence. Business gains may improve your finances. Those in exports, fashion, or the dairy industry may do particularly well.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel low and could face health issues. Overworking your mind may lead to fatigue and affect domestic harmony. You might arrive late at social or family gatherings. Losses in business are possible, so avoid investing in new ventures. Lovebirds should steer clear of controversies.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the Moon and may create new business plans. Your colleagues are likely to support you in implementing them. Stuck payments from clients might be recovered, improving business liquidity. However, by late evening, you may feel some depression, affecting your sleep.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may successfully overcome your opponents and hidden enemies. Legal decisions may go in your favour. Your hard work may impress your seniors, potentially leading to new responsibilities or a promotion. Singles might meet their soulmate.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel happy and inclined to purchase creative items to enhance your lifestyle. You might also spend money on friends and family. Investment in assets could be on your mind. Singles may find a good match, and lovebirds will likely enjoy meaningful moments together.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you might seek peace of mind. The Moon's blessings may help you stay focused. Avoid investing in property or other assets for now. You may experience happy moments in your domestic life, but avoiding arrogance and ego when dealing with your spouse is important. Disputes with a business partner are likely to be resolved.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your polite demeanour may help resolve several issues. You will likely maintain a balance between savings and expenses. Spending on creative items to renovate your home might be on your agenda.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are advised to control your words, especially within your family, as careless remarks may disturb harmony. Avoid spending your hard-earned money on unnecessary purchases just to maintain social status. Health-wise, you may face issues related to the ears, teeth, or throat.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is a favourable day. You may enjoy good health and high energy levels. Work-life and domestic life are likely to be satisfying. Healthy business partnerships could bring benefits, and job seekers might find suitable opportunities. Lovebirds should avoid discussing self-respect issues.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, it's essential to control your speech and be cautious of hidden enemies and opponents, as you could become a victim of conspiracies. Avoid investing in risky assets and lending money, as recovery may be difficult. Meditation and yoga are recommended to manage stress.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 5·30/75
= 150/75
= 2

BULL'S EYE
bingo, bongo, booing, book, BOOKING, boon, goon, knob, nook

STRIKE OUT

S	E	D	U	C	E	■	E	S	C	A	P	E	■	■
T	R	■	R	A	B	A	T	■	B	A	■	■	■	■
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FAST FIVE

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A	R	U	I	S
D	I	N	T	S
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RIDDLER Name Vault Beam Floor

QUOTE UNCODE
Eternity's a terrible thought. I mean, where's it all going to end?

QUICK

C	A	D	G	E	D	■	G	H	O	U	L	S	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
T. Starting with the top left segment of each circle, and moving clockwise, letters follow the alphabetic sequence, in steps of 3 letters for the top circle, 4 letters for the left hand circle, and 5 letters for the bottom circle.

SUDOKU

2	9	3	6	7	8	1	5	4
8	7	5	3	4	1	9	6	2
1	4	6	5	9	2	3	8	7
7	2	9	8	3	4	6	1	5
4	5	1	2	6	9	7	3	8
3	6	8	1	5	7	2	4	9
5	8	2	9	1	3	4	7	6
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ALPHA TRIANGLE
T. Starting with the top left segment of each circle, and moving clockwise, letters follow the alphabetic sequence, in steps of 3 letters for the top circle, 4 letters for the left hand circle, and 5 letters for the bottom circle.

LOOP
M, Am, Mat, Mart, Tamer, Tramped.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 2 − 8 + 9 = 6
Medium
3 + 2 x 5 − 2 = 23
Hard
4 x 4 + 3 + 3 = 22

KAKURO

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Friendly banter

Check out Samantha's playful question to Varun

Varun Dhawan and Samantha Ruth Prabhu are winning hearts with the recently released action series 'Citadel: Honey Bunny'.

Now, the actors have won the audience's hearts again with a funny banter, in which Samantha asks the 'Bhediya' actor a playful question about whether he has ever checked out his co-stars.

In a video shared by Amazon Prime Video, Samantha asks her 'Citadel' co-star Varun Dhawan whether he has ever checked out his co-stars, to which the 'Badlapur' actor smiles. The first one to answer her own question, Samantha says, "Multiple times."

Varun Dhawan gave a playful response to Samantha by asking, "Why are you replying to me." Samantha was most genuine when Varun asked her in the same video what she had spent more money on, to which the actress said that it was one of her ex's gifts.

The video was shared by the OTT platform with a caption that reads, "When spies get spy-cy, it's very rapid, very fiery." The post was soon flooded with comments from fans. One commented, "Their chemistry wow." Another commented, "Honey and bunny." It is the best duo ever."

Meanwhile, 'Citadel: Honey Bunny' is getting good reviews from the audiences. ETimes gave season 1 3.0 out of 5 stars and our review reads, "Varun Dhawan shines as the fiercely loyal and misguided Bunny. The duo pulls off slick stunts with elan and do well as fellow spies, despite their chemistry as a couple leaving much to be desired.

Kay Kay Menon as a manipulative spy is outstanding. Child actor Kashvi Majmundar, who plays the young Nadia, is impressive as the brave, fearless, and sharp girl, laying the foundation for Priyanka's main lead in the franchise. **–ETimes**

Sara's secret

Actress Sara Ali Khan shared at an event how 'balance' is the secret to finding peace and happiness in life. The actress shared how peace and beauty are all about the union of the mind, body and soul.

The actor said, "Meditation, spending quality time with family, reading, yoga, workout, gymming and trekking - all these activities are important to keep the mind and body healthy in life. Inner peace and mental health are important and that's why I feel everyone needs that work-life balance. Many times we are shooting round the clock and taking your time out for a good holiday to a beautiful place like Goa or Kedarnath is important..." **–ETimes**

Lunch date

Actors Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna, who are reportedly dating, were seen gorging on yummy delicacies as they went out for a lunch date.

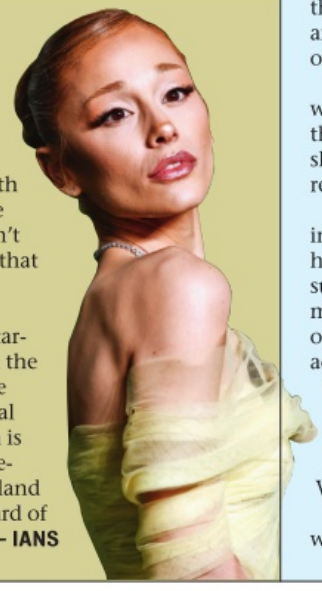
Pictures, taken by a fan, from their sunny lunch date have made their way on social media adding more fuel to the already relationship rumours.

Rashmika too had shared a picture of herself on social media, where she was seen indulging in a scrumptious meal. In the image, the actress is seen wearing a blue crop-top paired with high-waisted denims. Sitting across the table was Vijay, who looked dapper in a jacket and a bucket cap.

According to media reports, the picture was reportedly clicked during Vijay's VD 12 shoot in Sri Lanka. On the work front, Rashmika will reprise her role as Srivalli in Pushpa: The Rule. The film releases on December 5. Meanwhile, Vijay is shooting for his next film with Gowtam Tinnanuri of Jersey fame, tentatively titled VD 12.

Talking about "Pushpa: The Rule", the makers unveiled the trailer on November 17 in Patna, Bihar. The sequel to the film promises a high-voltage action-drama with Telugu superstar Allu Arjun at the forefront. It opens with a person in the background introducing Allu Arjun's titular character of Pushpa as the one who is not afraid of power, and has no greed for money. **–IANS**

Ariana saw therapist first when she was just eight



Singer and "Wicked" star Ariana Grande shared that she first saw a therapist at the age of eight so she could "process" the divorce of her parents.

The 31-year-old is quoted by The Sun on Sunday's Bizarre column as saying: "I first saw a therapist when I was eight after my parents' divorce — but I don't think I was really mature enough to process things. But as I have gotten older, my therapist has been everything to me."

The 'We can't be friends' hitmaker previously claimed that therapy sessions had been "life-saving" for her and called for mental health services to be made available for free so that even those that can't afford the expensive appointments can benefit from them. She said: "Therapy has saved my life. That is why I am so passionate about making therapy and mental health services available for all. It shouldn't just be for those that can afford it."

Meanwhile, Grande is now starring as Glinda in the adaptation of the Broadway musical 'Wicked' - which is the unofficial prequel to Judy Garland classic 'The Wizard of Oz'. **– IANS**

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Cop lady

Actor Priya Shatamarshan, who earned name for her sterling performance in Bheema, is excited about getting a chance to play a police officer yet again. Priya got the role of a cop in the movie Custody last month. Now, she has been selected to play a cop in Kumbha Sambhava. The movie's muhurat function was held at Ganapathi Temple at Vijayanagar recently. Naresh sounded the clap board for the opening shot and wished the cast and crew all the best.

TS Nagesh is directing the movie based on a social issue. "I wrote the script for the movie in association with Krish Joshi. The movie is based on the foeticide racket unearthed in Mandya last year," the director said.

The movie features Priya, Arjun Dev, Madhu Shri and others. Naga Naik, Tara Nagesh, Sunanda Hosapete, Kamal, David Rayappa are bankrolling the movie under the Milky Moon Movies banner. "The movie has three songs and three action scenes. MS Krupakar has scored the music," the director said. On the occasion, Priya said the script of Kumbha Sambhava is interesting.

Huge moral support

The cast and crew of No Cocaine were very happy when Dr Shivarajkumar, along with his wife Geetha, visited the shooting location and appreciated stunt master Kaurava Venkatesh. Pratham, who is playing the lead, felicitated Dr Shivarajkumar and Geetha Shivarajkumar on the occasion.

The team's joy knew no bounds when Geetha Shivarajkumar told them that she would watch the movie's first show on the first day the movie is released.

Venkatesh, who debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this movie, said he would never forget the star couple's support. Venkatesh worked as a stunt master for more than 1,500 movies over 25 years. "Dr Shivarajkumar advised me not to compromise with the quality. He told me that he would be able to watch the movie if it is released before he goes abroad. His visit has boosted our morale," said Venkatesh.

He said the shooting of the movie will be wrapped up in a few days.